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SUBJECT: US AND GSL VIEWS ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED US VIEWS ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21 WITH AGRICULTURE MINISTER KOBBEKADUWA DRAWING ON STATE 237804. KOBBEKADUWA, WHO HEADS SRI LANKA DELEGATION TO ROME MEETING, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ADVANCE PRESENTATION US VIEWS BUT MADE NO DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. ASKED ABOUT SRI LANKA'S VIEWS, KOBBEKADUWA REPLIED GSL WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN WORLD FERTILIZER FUND WHICH PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE HAD PROPOSED AT ECAFE MEETING IN COLOMBO IN APRIL. GSL, HOWEVER, WAS FLEXIBLE ON THIS PROPOSAL. IT DID NOT INTEND TO PRESS FOR ANY SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT BUT RATHER FOR SOME TYPE OF INTER-

NATIONAL ASSURANCE THAT FERTILIZER WOULD BE MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, GSL'S BASIC OBJECTIVE AT ROME WILL BE TO OBTAIN RESOLUTION ON FERTILIZER WHICH CAN BE POINTED TO AT HOME, EVEN BY MOST

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LIBERAL INTERPRETATION

WAS SOMEHOW RELATED TO
MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S FERTILIZER FUND CONCEPT.
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